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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

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Mr. Floyd Osborne
Eastern Shoshone Business Council
P.O. Box 538
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

Re: Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. – Finance Docket 31086 (Sub-No. 3) – Construction and Operation of the Western Alignment

Dear Mr. Osborne,

Thank you for your recent interest in the Surface Transportation Board's (Board's) Section of Environmental Analysis' (SEA's) environmental review of Tongue River Railroad Company's (TRRC's) proposed rail construction and operation of the Western Alignment in Rosebud and Big Horn Counties, Montana, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental regulations, including the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

I have had your name added to the service list for this docket to ensure that you receive all future Board decisions in this matter. If you would like to learn more about the project in general and potential impacts, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (202) 565-1554, fax at (202) 565-9000, or e-mail at blodgettk@stb.dot.gov. Ethnoscience, who is working with SEA as a third party contractor in this case and is located in Billings, Montana, is also available to meet with your tribe and explain the project and potential Native American effects. You may contact Lynelle Peterson of Ethnoscience directly by phone at (406) 252-7945.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the proposed project. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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